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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, PA., 18643
Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening in the Secondary Center Auditorium, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643. Ten people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Campenni, President of the Board, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Campenni asked that everyone take a moment of silence all deceased of the Warrior Nation and also for Bob Barberi, a long time coach for Pittston Area and he also coached many of our alumni in UNICO games. Mr. Campenni called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Philip Campenni, President
- Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President
- Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
- Mr. Carmen Bolin, Treasurer
- Ms. Lara Best
- Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo
- Mr. Leonard Pribula
- Mr. Gerald Stofko
- Mrs. Toni Valenti

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Frank Pugliesi, Facilities Director, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Principal of the Secondary Center, Brian Strazdus, Intermediate Center Building Principal, Shaun Rohland, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Kristi Naylor, School Psychologist, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education. Betsy O'Malley, Food Service Director, Angelo Falzone, Director of Attendance/Transportation.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting minutes of regular meeting on June 16, 2021.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center submitting minutes of Joint Operating Committee Meeting June 28, 2021.
3. Ellen Quinn, on behalf of the West Pittston Borough Council, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a public meeting.
4. Rick Branco submitting his letter of resignation as head boys soccer coach.
5. Amy Esposito, Secondary Math Teacher, requesting permission to take a sabbatical leave.
6. Catherine Maheady, Second Grade Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
7. Deborah Heinzlmeir, Cafeteria Personnel, submitting her letter of resignation.
8. Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, requesting permission to hold a Designer Purse Bingo fundraiser.
9. Nicole Walsh, Wyoming Area Cross Country Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.

10. Donna Kostik, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
11. Pamela Bufalino, First Grade Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
12. Erica Robaczewski, Science Teacher, requesting permission to take a sabbatical leave.

Summary of Applications Received

Special Education (PreK-8) – 1
Elementary (PreK-4) – 1
Kindergarten Principal/Asst. Special Ed Director – 10
Hall Monitor – 3
Level II Clerical Aide - 6

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Campenni asked for approval of the minutes of the combined board meeting July 27, 2021. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Leadership Wilkes-Barre is happy to share the list of Wyoming Area students for the 2022 Junior Leadership Class:

- Ryan Bonin
- Madison Day
- Christopher Murphy
- Casey Noone
- Claudia Papa
- Jilian Rogish
- Dallas Woodruff

Congratulations!!!

2. The first day of school for students will be September 7th with September 7th and 8th being Act 80 Early Dismissals.
3. Masks will be required for K – 6 students and faculty/staff in K-6 buildings because K – 6 children cannot be vaccinated.

7-12 students and faculty/staff are highly recommended to wear masks if not vaccinated.

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Ferentino reported that an executive session was held tonight and last week to discuss special education matters, litigation matters, administration compensation plan and personnel issues.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	4,028,379.62
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First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,931.62
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	123,648.19
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	131,455.86
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	27,939.95
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,449.74
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	256,701.16

Finance Report

Mr. Bolin read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Income Tax</u>	
Earned Income Tax	64,761.06
Local Services Tax	222.36
Per Capita Tax	33,537.98
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>1,622.95</u>
Total:	100,144.35
<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	47,854.43
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,087.78
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	3,095.00
School District Special Education	245,570.00
PCCD Grant-COVID 19 Relief	1,349.00
COVID-19 SECIM	<u>2,069.00</u>
Total:	307,025.21
<u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>	
Luzerne County	25,683.53
Wyoming County	<u>1,470.00</u>
Total:	27,153.53
<u>Delinquent Real Estate Tax</u>	
Wyoming County	19,153.63

2. Approve the August payment of \$61,277.10 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Approve to renew the Management Advisory Service Agreement between the Albert B. Melone Co., Certified Public Accountants and the Wyoming Area School District. The contract is for a (1) year period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The contract is at an amount of \$115,003.64. This amount is calculated at the prior year contractual rate with no increase. The agreement is subject to the review of the District Superintendent and the Solicitor.

4. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 and Wyoming Area School District 2021-2022 IDEA allocation. Based on December 1, 2020 IDEA child account, the estimated allocation is \$448,661.00.
5. Approve the August 2, 2021 Retainment Agreement of Joyce Carmody & Moran, PC, pending D.L./WASD litigation matter.
6. Approve the agreement with Children’s Service Center and Wyoming Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year. The Partial Hospitalization Program is \$126.50 per day and the Therapeutic Educational Program is \$167.00 per day. Added fees may be charged due to serious acuity situations.

7. Approve the step placements for the following Temporary Professional Employees:

Jennifer Cave	Masters +0	Step 4	51,482.00
Marla Moses	Bachelors+18	Step 5	47,127.00

8. Approve the step placements for the following Professional Employees:

Brianna Littzi	Masters+60	Step 6	67,492.00
Lauren Wysocki	Bachelors+18	Step 4	45,627.00

9. Approve the purchase of the Primeroedge Point of Sale System for cafeteria at a cost of \$7,170.00. The purchase will be paid from the food service fund.
10. Approve the purchase of computer equipment needed to support the cafeteria Primeroedge Point of Sale System above from STS Education Company at the cost of \$8,190.00. The purchase will be paid from the food service fund.
11. Approve the end user purchase agreement for the wireless link system for building-to-building wireless communication between Keystone Communications and the Wyoming Area School District. A request for proposals was issued through the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 via e-rate in order to select a provider. The total contract cost is \$152,015.20 payable in estimated monthly cost of \$2,533.58 over a sixty (60) month period. The cost is prior to any e-rate discounts that is currently estimated to be calculated at 60% of the monthly cost.
12. Approve the agreement between United Therapy, LLC and Wyoming Area School District. United Therapy will provide occupational therapy services to Wyoming Area students at a cost of \$80/hour for one year.

13. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: August 2021	339,961.26	
Prepays: July 2021	<u>239,725.98</u>	579,687.24
Cafeteria Account:	88.61	
Athletic Account:	<u>890.00</u>	<u>978.61</u>
	Total: 580,665.85	

Motion by Mr. Bolin, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the finance report.

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Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Education Report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District's Federal Programs (Title I, Title II, and Drugs and Alcohol) have been planned for the 2021-2022 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the professional substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Approve the request of Amy Esposito, Secondary Math Teacher, to take a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Approve the request of Catherine Maheady, Second Grade Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. Approve the appointment of Ami Bealla as a long term substitute teacher for Karen Switzer, First Grade Teacher, for the 2021-2022 school year, at the step placement of Masters +0, Step 4 \$51,482.00.
6. Approve the transfer of Alyssa Merkel from Special Education Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. Approve to rescind the appointment of Kayla Radle as a long term substitute teacher for Alex Hughes.
8. Approve the appointment of Kayla Radle as a long term substitute teacher for Catherine Maheady, Second Grade Teacher, for the 2021-2022 school year.
9. Approve the appointment of _____ as Kindergarten Principal/Assistant Special Education Director effective for the 2021-2022 school year. (TABLED)
10. Approve the appointment of Kayla Collura from ½ day teacher to full day teacher effective for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Collura is currently a ½ day art teacher and will teach business the other ½ of the day.
11. Approve Janet Serino, Superintendent as Trustee for the Northeast PA. Health Trust. Len Pribula will be the alternate.
12. Approve the guest teacher substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year.
13. Approve the request of Pamela Bufalino, First Grade Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence effective at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year until on or about November 30, 2021.
14. Approve the request of Erica Robaczewski, Science Teacher, to take a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year with a tentative return date of January 27, 2022.
15. Approve the ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan.

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Mr. Stofko, to accept the education report.

At this time Mrs. Yochem tabled item #9. Second by Mr. Campenni.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Campenni, no, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed to table item #9.

Roll Call for Finance Report: Ms. Best voted no on items #7 and #8 and yes on remaining report. Mr. DeAngelo voted no on items #7 and #8 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Pribula voted no on items #7 and #8 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti voted no on items #7 and #8 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Campenni abstained on item #6 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Marianacci voted no on items #7 and #8 and yes on remaining report.

Items #7 and #8 failed. Remaining report passed.

Activities Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Activities Report.

1. Accept, with regret, Rick Branco submitting his letter of resignation as head boys soccer coach.
2. Approve the appointment of the following coaches and volunteer coaches for the 2021-2022 Fall sports season provided the season is not cancelled due to COVID-19 related purposes. Salary as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Boys Soccer

Devin Dougherty	Head Coach
Robert Dougherty	Assistant Coach

Cross Country

Michael Branley	Volunteer Coach
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Football

Bryce Hinkle	Volunteer Coach
John Hindmarsh	Volunteer Coach
Charles Medico	Statistician

Girls Soccer

Ashley Evans	Assistant Coach
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Boys Tennis

Joe Skrip	Volunteer Coach
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3. Approve the appointment of the following assistant coaches and volunteer coaches for the 2021-2022 winter sports season provided the season is not cancelled due to COVID-19 related purposes. Salary as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Boys Basketball

Ian Gilmartin	Jr. Varsity Coach
Nick Vough	9 th Grade Coach

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Tim DePriest	8 th Grade Coach
Joe DeLucca	7 th Grade Coach
Skip Stocknick	Volunteer Coach

Girls Basketball

Gina Manganiello	Jr. Varsity Coach (split salary)
Mark Casper	Jr. Varsity Coach (split salary)
Joseph Chacke	9 th Grade Coach
Mary Price	8 th Grade Coach
Len Lojewski	7 th Grade Coach

Swimming

Kayla Taddei	Diving Coach
Maureen Pikas	Volunteer Coach

Winter Track

Ron D'Eliseo	Volunteer Coach
Joe DeMark	Volunteer Coach
Michael Fanti	Volunteer Coach
Olivia Lanza	Volunteer Coach
Kristen Lombardo	Volunteer Coach

Wrestling

Brian Hines	Assistant Coach
Matthew Manganiello	Jr. High Coach
Patrick Heck	Jr. High Coach
Jaryn Polit-Moran	Volunteer Coach
Jude Polit-Moran	Volunteer Coach
Jeff Pepe	Volunteer Coach
Steve Price	Volunteer Coach
Damon Barhight	Volunteer Coach

4. Approve the request of Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, to hold a Designer Purse Bingo fundraiser in the Secondary Center cafeteria on February 6, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (actual bingo time is 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.), pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager (Class A). Snow date is February 20, 2022.
5. Approve the request of Nicole Walsh, Wyoming Area Cross Country Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Sell Krispy Kreme Donuts at home football games
 - Sell Pure Vida bracelets with Wyoming Area colors
6. Approve the request of Donna Kostik, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Bagging for Charity
 - Flower Sale
 - Krispy Kreme Donut Sale
7. Approve to add Boys and Girls Lacrosse to the Wyoming Area sports program. (THIS ITEM WAS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR)

Motion by Mr. DeAngelo, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the activities report.

Mr. Campenni asked if the boys and girls lacrosse would be totally funded by the district. Mrs. Valenti responded if they are on the sports program, yes. Cost is maximum of \$13,000.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin abstained on item #7 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Yochem abstained on item #7 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Campenni abstained on item #7 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

1. Approve the support personnel substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Approve the request of Ellen Quinn, on behalf of the West Pittston, Borough Council, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a public meeting regarding the FEMA Flood Map, Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Borough will pay security and custodian costs.
3. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Deborah Heinzlmeir as cafeteria personnel effective immediately.
4. Approve the appointment of Rachele Baldwin as Level II Clerical Aide effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. Approve the appointment of Erin Joyce as Hall Monitor effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mr. DeAngelo, to accept the building report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Bids Report

Mr. Pribula read the Bids Report.

The bids for the Natorium HVAC Equipment Replacement Project at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center were advertised on the following dates:

Citizens Voice
7/9/21
7/22/21

Times Leader
7/12/21
7/15/21

Bids were opened on July 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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1. Motion to award the bids for the pool filter and replacement component of the Natorium HVAC Equipment Replacement Project in the amount of \$283,920.00 to Troy Mechanical, Inc. This amount is to be funded from non ESSER funds. In addition, the district would also award the dehumidification component of the Natorium HVAC Equipment Replacement Project in the amount of \$664,840.00 to Troy Mechanical, Inc., subject to obtaining PDE approval for utilizing ESSER funds for payment and also subject to review of the district solicitor.
2. Motion to approve the appointment of Richard Mellow Corp., to provide the electrical component for the Pool Filter and Replacement Project of the Natorium HVAC Equipment Replacement Project in the amount of \$15,350.00. This amount is to be funded from non ESSER funds.

Motion by Mr. Pribula, second by Mr. DeAngelo, to accept the bids report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Topics for Open Discussion:

- Dr. Pollard addressed back packs and dress code. Information will be posted to website.
- Walt Stevens, West Wyoming – COVID testing, desk shields, masks breaks, bus schedule, dismissal times.
- Rosalind Tart, President of Band, and Bethany Sromoski, Secretary of Band -Band students concerns – air conditioning, practice field, masks
- Daneen Kearns, West Pittston – kindergarten aide needed.
- Walt Stevens, West Wyoming – money spent on pool, why not a kindergarten aide?
- Attorney Ferentino, Solicitor – Spoke about legal requirements for mask wearing.

Virtual topics from public:

- Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleading Coach, responding to band student's comments. Every band member chose to not go back to the field to ring the bell after the championship game. Everyone was invited to do so.
- Jay asking about the ventilation system.
- Matt Kearns asking if Mr. DeAngelo apologized to Mr. Supey for cursing at him. Mr. DeAngelo stated no because if you watch the video, Mr. DeAngelo did not curse at him.

Attorney Ferentino stated a special meeting will be held on August 31st at 6:00 p.m.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. DeAngelo.

Philip Campenni, President

John Marianacci, Secretary